

Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission names stewards for 2019

Wilmington, Del. – Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission Chairman, W. Duncan Patterson announced at the Commission meeting today that two candidates had been selected for the position of Associate State Steward and Safety Steward.

Tony Langford, a level 1 Steward and racing official with a national racing background having worked in Florida and Texas was the logical choice for the Delaware Commission. Chairman Patterson remarked that his racing background, experience and interview were well received. The Safety Steward position was awarded to Eric Coatrieux, a former trainer and current Racing Official in Maryland.

John F. Wayne, the DTRC Executive Director advised that, “Mr. Langford’s resume displays a broad spectrum of positions he has held, with his latest being a Level 1 Steward for the Texas Racing Commission.” Chairman Patterson advised that Mr. Langford will be a good fit to work alongside Chief State Steward, Fritz L. Burkhardt and Cynthia L. Smith.

The Safety Steward position was awarded to Eric Coatrieux, a former trainer and current racing official on the Maryland circuit. According to Chairman Patterson, “Mr. Coatrieux brings to the table a trainer’s perspective and should do well in this new role.”

Both of these individuals possess a deep respect for the racing industry and its goal toward fairness and maintaining the high level of regulatory oversight that the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission expects and deserves.

The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission regulates and

oversees the sport of Thoroughbred and Arabian racing in the state. For more information regarding the work of the Commission, visit <https://agriculture.delaware.gov/thoroughbred-racing-commission/>.

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